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An Act To Improve Driver Education Licensing

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§5-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 505, §15 and affected by §22, is amended to read:

B. The fee for a driver education teacher or instructor license is ~~\$80~~\$100.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§5-A, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 505, §15 and affected by §22, is amended to read:

C. ~~Each license issued pursuant to this section expires one year~~A driver education school license expires 2 years from the date of issuance. A driver education teacher or instructor license expires 5 years from the date of issuance. The fee for the renewal of a driver education school license is \$125. The fee for the renewal of a driver education teacher or instructor license is ~~\$80~~\$100.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§6, ¶A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 652, Pt. B, §7 and affected by §8, is further amended to read:

A. The Secretary of State shall establish the Technical Review Panel that includes representatives from the Department of Education, the Department of Public Safety, law enforcement agencies, the insurance industry, the motor carrier industry ~~and a, 2 members from the board of a statewide driver and traffic safety education association and 2 business owners who hold Class A licenses to teach driver education teacher and instructor.~~ and 2 members from the board of a statewide driver and traffic safety education association and 2 business owners who hold Class A licenses to teach driver education teacher and instructor. The Technical Review Panel shall assist the Secretary of State in developing curriculum and teacher and instructor training and certification.

SUMMARY

This bill extends driver education school licenses from one year to 2 years. It also extends the teaching license of a driver education teacher or instructor to 5 years. The bill also adds 2 members from the board of a statewide driver and traffic safety education association and 2 business owners who hold Class A licenses to teach driver education to the Secretary of State's Technical Review Panel and increases the license fees for teachers and instructors from \$80 to \$100.